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Applicant: Rex M. Bitner et al **Docket No.:** 16026.9264
Serial No.: 09/711,782 **Group Art Unit:** 1744
Filed: November 13, 2000 **Examiner:**
Title: LYSATE CLEARANCE AND NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION USING
SILANIZED SILICA MATRICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-cited patent application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

I. IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, line 8, please delete "electrophorisis" and insert -- electrophoresis-- therefor.

On page 7, line 11, please delete "electrophorisis" and insert --electrophoresis-- therefor.

On page 8, line 14, please delete "ferromagnetic" and insert --ferrimagnetic-- therefor.

On page 12, line 11, please delete "form" and insert --from-- therefor.

On page 18, line 13, please delete "aresiliceous" and insert --are siliceous-- therefor.

On page 20, line 7, please insert -- , or a linkage to another silane ligand to generate a higher order polymer-- immediately after the formula " $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ".

On page 22, line 29, please delete "or".

On page 22, line 29, immediately after " $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ", please insert --or a linkage to another silane ligand to generate a higher order polymer--.